

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the

Southern District of Texas

United States of America

v.

Tania Melissa HERNANDEZ-Coutino
Maria Luisa HERNANDEZ-Alanis

Case No.

Defendant(s)

CRIMINAL COMPLAINT

I, the complainant in this case, state that the following is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

On or about the date(s) of 09/04/2022 in the county of Webb in the
Southern District of Texas, the defendant(s) violated:*Code Section**Offense Description*

Title 21 U.S.C 841 (a) (1) and 846

knowingly and intentionally possess with the intent to distribute a controlled substance listed under Schedule I of the Controlled Substance Act, to wit, approximately .98 kilograms of heroin. The defendants conspired to possess with intent to distribute the aforementioned heroin.

This criminal complaint is based on these facts:

See Attachment

☒ Continued on the attached sheet.

/S/

Complainant's signature

Special Agent Alejandro Aguilar

Printed name and title

Sworn to before me and signed in my presence.

Date: 09/04/2022

Judge's signatureCity and state: Laredo, Texas

Diana Song Quiroga, U.S Magistrate Judge

Printed name and title

ATTACHMENT

On September 4, 2022, Customs and Border Patrol (CBP) Agents were working their assigned duties at the Juarez Lincoln Port of Entry in Laredo, Texas. At approximately 10:59 a.m., a black Chevy Aveo passenger vehicle approached the primary inspection lane at the Juarez Lincoln Port of Entry in Laredo, Texas.

CBP Agents conducted an immigration inspection and identified the driver of the black Chevy Aveo as Maria Luisa HERNANDEZ-Alanis and passenger Tania Melissa HERNANDEZ-Coutino. CBP Agents directed HERNANDEZ-Alanis to secondary for further inspection.

At secondary, CBP Agents discovered two (2) bundles wrapped in tape each concealed within a potato chip bag. The potato chip bags were inside of HERNANDEZ-Coutino's personal bag. CBP Agents conducted a drug field test that resulted positive for heroin with a total approximate weight of .98 kilograms.

On September 4, 2022, at approximately 11:52 a.m., Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) Special Agents responded to the Juarez Lincoln Port of Entry to interview HERNANDEZ-Alanis and HERNANDEZ-Coutino. During the interview, HERNANDEZ-Alanis stated that she and HERNANDEZ-Coutino were going to get paid \$300 US Dollars to transport the drugs from Monterrey Nuevo Leon, Mexico to Laredo, Texas.

At the conclusion of the interview, HERNANDEZ-Alanis and HERNANDEZ-Coutino were transported to the Webb County Jail, where they were turned over to the facility pending their initial appearance with the US Magistrate Judge.